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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/818,954
Filing Date	March 27, 2001
First Named Inventor	Paszty et al
Group / Art Unit	1647
Examiner Name	Dr. L. Spector
Attorney Docket No.	A-676B

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/24) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provision of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

## 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. ☒ Previously submittedi. ☒Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on November 8, 2006 (any  
unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).ii. ☐

Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

iii. ☐

Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☐ Enclosedi. ☐

Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐

Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐

Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐

Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for  
a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments to  
Deposit Account No. 01-0519i. ☒

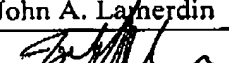
RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) in the amount of \$790.00.

ii. ☒Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) in the amount of \$ 1000.00. If an additional  
extension of time is required, please consider this a request therefor.iii. ☐

Other \_\_\_\_\_

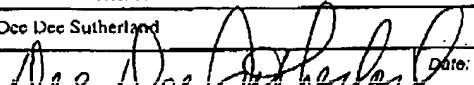
b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosedc. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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